

REMARKS

The following is responsive to the Office Action dated June 15, 2005.

Claims 10-21 are pending in the application.

Claims 10-12 are rejected.

Applicants appreciate the indication that Claim 20 is allowed, and Claims 13-19 and 21 are merely objected to but would be allowable if presented in independent form.

In response, Applicant incorporates the limitations of allowable Claim 16 into Claim 10, making independent Claim 10 and dependent Claims 11-15 and 21 allowable.

Applicants present Claim 17 in independent form, making Claim 17 and dependent Claims 18 and 19 allowable.

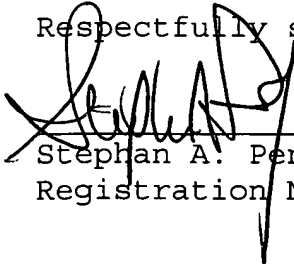
Independent Claim 20 is allowed.

Accordingly, the application is now in condition for allowance.

Favorable consideration and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. Should further issues remain prior to allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

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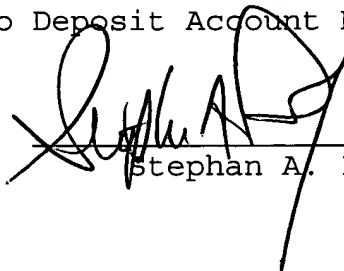
U.S. Application No. 10/726,874
AMENDMENT A

Attorney Docket No.: DKT02077

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment A, for U.S. Application No. 10/726,874 filed December 3, 2003, was deposited in first class U.S. mail, with sufficient postage, addressed: Mail Stop: Amendment, Commissioner for patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on **September 15, 2005**.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0877.



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